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5 Calle de Sesta
Madrid March 19th

My dear Mr Lorimer

I imagine that by this time the little portrait has reached the Embassy, the Curer having left Madrid some days since. I consider the likeness the best I have seen, though I feel there is something wanting in the sweet, and intellectual expression of the eyes. A short time since I received a very kind and affectionate letter from the only remaining daughter of my Brother George. She did not mention a word of the American Edition. It seems as if they thought I should not approve of it.

James Speed has not hitherto acknowledged the receipt of my portrait, intended for his par-

Mother, nor sent me the portraits of George and Tom which she promised me.

While you have the goodness as usual, to advance me the 3 months pension, at the end of the month

May God protect you from all danger is the sincere wish of

Yours most truly

Fanny Keats McElsnes

H Buxton Forman Esqre

5ª Calle de Lista
Barrio de Salamanca
Madrid March 30th
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My dear Mr Jamieson

Many thanks for your kind letter, enclosing the cheque. I am glad that you are pleased with the little portrait. It is tolerably good, considering that Helena has not studied painting more than two years. Joan of course is her master. One of her younger sisters is studying music, under my daughter Rosa, who is quite a professor. I don't know whether I have made this observation to you before. If so, excuse a mother's vanity. Our house is a complete Academy and we have no need of professors, except for the two boys, the eldest of whom will next year be entered as a Civil Engineer, and his younger